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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Group Art Unit:

Appln. No.:

Examiner:

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Title: Machine Knife For Trimming Books Or The Like

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows prior to fee calculation and examination:

In the Claims:

Please enter the following amended claims:

5. (Amended) The machine knife in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the blade (7) has been embedded in a lock seam (8) on the free end of the blade holder (4).

7. (Amended) The machine knife in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the blade (10) has been embedded in a groove (9), which extends slightly inclined in respect to the surface of the blade holder (4').

8. (Amended) The machine knife in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that at the knife tip the blade holder (4", 4'") is recessed in respect to the knife support (1", 1'") and is shaped in such a way that the blade (11, 12) covers the blade holder (4", 4'") over its full height and forms a contact face (13) used for support in relation to the cutout (3).

11. (Amended) The machine knife in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) has been selected from ceramic material.